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Statement

Sanofi-Espoir is tasked with helping reduce health-care inequalities, among populations most in need, whilst applying a socially responsible approach. It focuses on fighting childhood cancer, reducing maternal and neonatal mortality and assuring access to health care for the most deprived populations.

We call for the promotion of global health as a central element of the post-2015 framework. In the context of deployment of Universal Health Coverage, global trends and epidemiological changes create new challenges that threaten development progress, such as Non-Communicable Diseases, which contribute to entrench poverty within countries. While global health occupies a more central place in the international agenda, Non-Communicable Diseases, including mental health, must receive a clear recognition in the post-2015 framework. Naturally, this should not be detrimental to much-needed continued efforts on communicable diseases, vaccines-preventable diseases and maternal and child health. We support the adoption of comprehensive targets addressing chronic conditions, communicable diseases, maternal and child health and universal health coverage.

Development efforts have been hampered by a lack of data about health systems efficiency and the socioeconomic circumstances of individuals. International financing mechanisms have established control mechanisms that foster a culture of transparency and evidence-based decision-making. However, reporting on the Millennium Development Goals remains uneven. We believe that the adoption of more coherent assessment frameworks in the post-2015 era is critical to helping governments track progress. Clear health-sensitive specific targets with allocation of resources and dedicated indicators should be established, capturing access to health care, healthy life expectancy, mortality, morbidity, disability and gender balance.

Success in delivering the post-2015 framework requires explicit alignment between all stakeholders. Stakeholders should have a coordinated approach, acknowledging the shared responsibility of all sectors in supporting both the individual and health-care systems. Greater sustainability can come from coordination across the private sector, ensuring both its commitment to achieve the sustainable goals and its involvement in implementing sustainable solutions that benefit societies as a whole. We welcome the objective to revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development, through stronger multi-stakeholder partnerships including the private sector. The health industry has a specific role to play, directly contributing to the health of the population and investing to address future challenges, thus contributing to the protection of productive forces.

There is a need for greater support from more developed economies to assist least-advanced countries to give stakeholders the ability to remain viable partners and allow change to occur. Effective policies supporting the development of an enabling environment and fostering trust in partnerships will be imperative to optimize the contribution of all actors. Important challenges limiting joint efforts to strengthen health-care systems include lack of regulatory harmonization, trade barriers, and health-care professional shortages.